regard to book the reaped activists;

(6) if so, the details thereof; and

('d) what further stepi have twist taken to tighten the security measures in J&K in the wake of the escape of the terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A large scale hunt and combing operations have been launched by the security forces *to* trace out and nab the escapees alongwith other terror ists and subversives.

(d) Security arrangements in the jails have been tightened.

Seecurity measures in Jammu and Kashmir have also been tightened. These include larger induction of Central Police Forces; revamping of administration; better coordination between the State Police/Central Police and the Army; toning up of intelligence wing; intensive raids and combing operations on selective basis; and strengthening of vigil on the border.

Sttftstt&iir *th the* fctehinlr Valley

135 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAffAIRS be pleasefl to state:

(a) What is the present situation in the Kashmir Valley; and

(bl the number of incidents of kidnappings and killings by terrorists in Kashmir during the current year so far?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The situation is ejrfreniely difficult; the Side 6oV'4rWme*it is engaged in relentless efforts to curb terroriem and control subversives in order to restnormalcy *in* the Valley.

m According" to the available information, 20 persons were kidnapped and 36 persons were *tailed* by the terrorists in the current year (upto

Withdrawal of IPKf

136, SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: .

(a) whether the withdrawal of IPKF personnel from Sri Lanka has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

. (c) what steps are being taken to improve the relations between India arid. Sri Lanka and to solve the Tamil problem in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The process of de-induction of the IPKF from Sri Lanka was completed on 24-3-1990.

(c) Government are committed to restoring Indo-Sri Lanka relations to traditional levels of cordiality. . Government will be discussing with the Sri Lanka Governmerit steps to achieve This objective, including the early convening of the Ihdo-Sri Lanka Joint Economic Commission. On its part Government has already taken some steps; such as offer of 500 scholarships on a one time basis to Sri Lankan sffi&bnts to 'pursue their studies in India.

With the de-induction of the IPKF, the direct responsibility for the safety and security of this Tamils in Sri Lanka and for the resolution of the remaining aspects of the Tamil problem rests with the Sri Lanka Government.